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CHAPTER III-Continued.

"Now look here, don't come a twit- able. He's getting old and you's not so tin' me," he said. "I was goin' to very young yourself. Those city women help you shoot them fellers, but, hang have a knack of hiding their age, tox It, Nell took the gun and slipped away Oh, yes, I should think that you are with it before I could get to the house. very well suited. It's nothing to me I can't run as fast as I could at one I'm sure."

"But I saw you running through the street and a deer couldn't have been

"You are right, I was runnin' for the gun."

"But you were not running toward did catch me. Oh, by the way, what your house." "No, of course not, for I knew that Nell had tuck my gun and I was goin' them to the wedding." after another one. And it's a good

thing for them that I didn't get it. But the curisest critter I ever saw, and it let us git down to business. I have strikes me that the less a body has to been thinkin' the matter over and I do with you the better it will be for have come to the conclussion that I 'em." can't git along very well without you and I know Nell can't. Why, look here, piration of the lease was approaching. you ought to be a mother to that girl, And so was the time set for Polly's maryou? And ain't such courage as that lavishly and the old man wore a new deservin' of a mother? It's easy enough | homespun suit. "You know we had a to be a mother to her.' "Yes, but I can't very well be a

mother to both of you." "The horn spoon! I don't want you to be a mother to me; want you to be a wife to me."

"I think a great deal of you, Mr. Almes." "Bleeged to you, I gad."

"And I will break my engagement to those three men and engage myself to you for one year."

"Cut it down and I'm with you." "All right, we'll say three months."

"And will you swear you won't fool "I'll swear that I will not break the

engagement unless you are willing." "But here, you won't cut up no caper in the meantime that will cause me to draw off, hah? All right now, it's a go, and I'll tell that old woman to weave another rag carpet." He stopped at the door, turned about and remarked: "Ain't quite as chilly as it was yistiday."

And before she could reply he had lunged out into the street and was hastening to tell his daughter of his hap-



"Polly, What Have You Told Father?"

piness. When Polly reached home, just as twilight was tangling itself amid the dead vines in the garden, she found Nell standing at the gate, waiting for her. The girl was nervous, and she opened the gate with a jerk.

"What have you told father?" she asked, when Polly passed through the gate. "Don't go into the house just yet; wait here a moment. What have you told father?" she repeated.

Polly stood there laughing at her but she grew more nervous. "It is nothing to laugh at," she said. "You told me, or that is you agreed, that we should never marry and that we should live together." "Den't be worried; I was only joking

with him." "But, Polly, that was no way to joke

with an old man. He is one of the best men in the world, and all that, but you don't want to marry even the best man.'

"It will work out all right, Nell; don't worry over it."

"But how can it work out all right?" "Wait, and you shall see."

'Yes, and that's what you said about those three men, and that hasn't worked out all right yet. I have tried so hard to understand you, Polly, but sometimes I just can't. Why do you wish to mystify me? Haven't I always been frank with you?" "Yes, too frank, perhaps."

"That's what I sometimes think myself. But here comes father."

The old man came out, wearing a horseshoe nall mounted as a breastpin. "Father," said the girl, "if I were you I f would take off that fool thing and

throw it away." "Throw away my betrothal pledge, hah? Not much. You go on into the house and Polly and I will walk down and look at that bottom field of corn by moonlight."

"I don't care to walk this evening." Polly replied. "I'm tired." "All right, we'll wait till some other

time; but say, you might let me kiss you once just for luck." "No, you've had luck enough. By

the way, there is a clause that I must insert in our contract, and that is this: If you speak to me again or to anyone about our compact the engage ment shall be instantly broken. There not a word or I'll break it right now.'

To observe the new clause required on the old man's part a strong exertion of will; and sometimes, in babbling about his bottom field of corn, he approached near the danger line. News of the engagement got out, but the old fellow awore that he had told no one; but he had been seen talking to the president of the mite society, and it was known that she had spread the report. And she said many things that were not complimentary to Polly; said that she had come to Broomfield merely to catch a husband. She even stopped Polly in the street and asked her when the marriage was to take

"It seems of deep concern to you," Polly replied.

"Oh, not at all, I'm sure. merely happened to think of it. I don't care if you marry him today, I'm sure. He's nothing to me, goodness knows. And so far as that's concerend, I could have married him long ago.

In the Madras presidency and the Bombay presidency (Hindustan) the women exercise the right of suffrage in

suppose the match will be very suit-

"Good, and I hope that you will ac-

cept an invitation to my wedding."

will those three strange men think?"

"Miss, I must say that you are about

Several months pasted, and the ex-

sort of a contract," he said to Polly one

"Yes, but if you speak of the engage-

"I gad, you've got me wound up in a

close place. I'd like to ask you if it

ain't about time you was gettin' your

dress ready, and all that sort of thing."

The old man ducked his head as

to blow your horn when you are ready.'

were sitting in the parlor at home,

going to the office. "We will wait,"

"Do you think of taking it again?"

"You think not? Don't you know?"

"Polly, you have one of your mysteri-

ous fits today. What's the use of keep-

ing up this foolishness? Tell him that

you can't marry him. You have let it

run on so long already that he has gone

itatively and deftly was touching her

hair. The sunlight, streaming through

the high window, fell upon her, illu-

mined her, and the sad glow of a wish

dream was in her eyes. Out in the

road, dodging about, stalked a young

man, a smitten clown, dying to catch a

glimpse of her. "Yes, your coming was so strange a romance, bringing to me a

mind that I could admire, and now the

Polly went to her, leaned over her

kissed her, "Your romance may not

end." she said. "But suppose that I

should tell you that your romance had

"You a circus woman? I didn't know

"I did not say that I was a circus

woman, but suppose I were one; and

suppose those three men came to per-

"Oh, you are clearing up one mystery,

"But is there any other mystery to

"Oh, not exactly a mystery, but how

"Oh, probably he will laugh at the

"But why should he when his mind is

"Oh, you are becoming mysterious

"I will be, but not until after twelve

(To be Continued.)

WHERE WOMEN MAY VOTE.

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Showing.

Somebody has taken the pains to put

together in the Chicago Tribune the

tial suffrage. Taken all in all, it will

be seen that they cut quite a figure in

In Great Britain women vote for all

In France the women teachers elect

women members on all boards of edu-

In Sweden women vote for all elective

officers except representatives; also, in-

directly, for members of the house of

In Norway they have school suffrage.

In Ireland the women vote for the

harbor boards and poor law guardians,

In Russia women householders vote

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and in Belfast for municipal officers.

elective officers except members of par-

dgain, Polly. Why don't you be abso-

now so set upon it? Do you think that

he will decline to marry you because

you have been a circus woman?"

"No, not particularly."

lutely frank with me?"

the world's politics.

liament.

o'clock today."

are you going to satisfy father that you

Go on and you may clear up another.

been brought by a circus woman."

that they were so noble and brave."

suade me to go back into the ring."

clear up?"

should not marry him?"

idea tomorrow."

music must end in a dry crackle."

come here if he wants to see us."

"Look out now, Mr. Almes."

evening.

her voice.

clothes.'

"No. I think not "

"No, I think not.

ow than he needs."

"Yes. I think I do."

marrying father."

ment I'll break it."

all municipalities. In all the countries of Russian Asia they can do so wherever a Russian colony settles. The Russians are colonizing the whole of their vast Asian posssions and carrying with them everywhere the "mir," or self-governing village, wherein women who are heads of households are permitted to vote.

privilege of doing so in local elections

In Italy widows vote for members of

parliament.

Women have municipal suffrage in Cape Colony, which rules a million square miles. Municipal woman suffrage rules in

New Zealand, and, I think, at parliamentary elections. Iceland, in the North Atlantic; the Isle of Man, between England and Ire-

land, and Pitcairn Island, in the South Pacific, have full woman suffrage. "Oh, I am the last person in the In the Dominion of Canada women world to go to weddings. Of course if have municipal suffrage in every provit's a romantic affair I don't mind goince, and also in the northwest terriing, but a cut and dried marriage never tories. In Ontario they vote for all elective officers, except in the election of members of the legislature and par-

"I don't know, but I have invited liament. In the United States twenty-eight states and territories have given women

some form of suffrage. School suffrage in various degrees is granted to women in Arizona, Colorado Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana Kansas, Kentucky, Massasschusetts. Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Didn't she risk her life to help riage. The bottom field had yielded North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas Vermont and Wisconsin. In Arkansas and Missouri women

vote, by petition, on liquor license in In Delaware suffrage is exercised by

women in several municipalities. In Kansas they have equal suffrage with men at all municipal elections. About 50,000 women voted in 1890. In Montana they vote on all local taxation.

In New York they can and do vote at though a stone had been thrown at school elections. The question of the him. "All right, miss, but don't forget constitutionality of the law is still undecided. They vote also in many places It was morning, and Polly and Nell in Illinois on local improvements, such as gas and electric street lighting. Polly had said that as the lease was paving, sewerage and municipal bonds. about to expire there was no need of In Utah women voted until disfranchised by the Edmunds law, when they she said, "and let the owner of the paper promptly organized to demand its re-

In Pennsylvania a law was passed in Nell asked, with a touch of sadness in 1889 under which women vote on local improvements by signing or refusing to sign petitions therefor. "So then you are in earnest about

In Wyoming women have voted on the same terms with men since 1870. The convention of 1889 to form a state constitution unanimously inserted a provision securing them full suffrage. This constitution was ratified by the voters at a special election by about threefourths majority. Congress refused to require the disfranchisement of women, and admitted the state July 10, 1890. And let it not be forgotten that in the senate of the United States, Feb. 7, 1889,

to the expense of getting a new suit of "Yes, but he hasn't any more clothes a select committee reported in favor of amending the federal constitution so as Nell sighed and Polly looked dreamto forbid states to make sex a cause of ily out into the garden. "Your coming disfranchisement. Congress adjourned, and your stay has been a romance to however. March 4 following, without me, Polly, and now it must end." She reaching the subject.

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Sale of seats opens Wednesday, Dec. 26.

THE FROTHINGHAM

Friday and Saturday and Saturday Matinee,

DEC. 28 AND 29.

W. H. POWER'S

Presented with New and Accurate Scenery and a Company of Excellent Players, with the Young and Talented Comedian,

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GRAND NEW YEAR ATTRACTION. JAMES A. HERNE'S

Leave Scranton for Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 7.45 a.m., 12.05, 2.33, 4.90, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 6.09, 8.08, 11.29 a.m., 1.39 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Tunkhannock, Towanda, Elmira, Ithaca, Geneva and all intermediate points via D. & H. R. R., 8.46 a.m., 12.05 and 11.35 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.89, 9.55 a.m., 1.39 p.m.

Leave Scranton for Rochester, Buffaio, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points west via D. & H. R. R. & 45 a.m., 12.06, 9.15, 11.38 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R. and Pittston Junction, 8.08, 9.55 a.m., 1.20, 8.59 p.m., via E. & W. V. R. R., 3.41 p.m.

For Elmira and the west via Salamanca, via D. & H. R. R. & 45 a.m., 12.06, 6.05 p.m., via D., L. & W. R. R., 8.09, 9.55 a.m., 1.30, and 6.07 p.m.

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THE FROTHINGHAM. RETURN OF THE FAVORITES,

Tuesday, Jan. 1

GRAND HOLIDAY MATINEE. C. N. Bertram's Comedians, Singers and Dancers in

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1.40, 2.50, 5.15, 8.90 and 9.55 a.m.; 12.55 and 3.50 p.m.

Express for Easton, Trenton, Philadelphia and the south, 5.15, 8.00 and 9.55 a.m., 12.55 and 3.50 p.m.

Washington and way stations, 3.55 p.m.

Tobyhanna accommodation, 8.10 p.m.

Express for Binghamton, Oswego, Elmira, Corning, Bath, Dansville, Mount Morris and Buffaio, 12.10, 2.25 a.m. and 1.24 p.m., making close connections at Buffalo to all points in the West, Northwest and Southwest.

Bath accommodation, 9 a.m.

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Binghamton and Elmira Express, 6.66 p.m. THE HOTTEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED

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Trains will leave Scrantorn station for Carbondale and intermediate points at 2.20, 5.45, 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20, 3.55, 5.15, 6.15, 7.25, 9.10 and 11.29 p.m.

For Farview, Waymart and Honesdale at 7.00, 8.25 and 10.10 a.m., 12.00, 2.20 and 5.15 p.m. ADMISSION, 10, 20 OR 30 CENTS Two performances daily at 2.30 and 8.15 p.m. Next Attraction-"Peck's Bad Boy."

p.m. For Albany, Saratoga, the Adirondacks and Montreal at 5.45 a.m. and 2.20 p.m. For Wilkes-Barre and intermediate ints at 7.45, 8.45, 9.38 and 10.45 a.m., 12.05, 12.0, 2.33, 4.00, 5.10, 5.05, 9.15 and 11.38 p.m. Trains will arrive at Scranton station from Carbondale and intermediate points at 7.40, 8.40, 9.54 and 10.40 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 2.34, 2.40, 4.64, 5.55, 7.45, 9.11 and 11.33 p.m. From Honesdale, Waymart and Farview at 9.34 a.m., 12.00, 1.17, 3.40, 5.55 and 7.45 p.m.

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Ithaca, 2.35 and Bath 9 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
For Northumberland, Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Bloomsburg and Danville, making close connections at Northumberland for Williamsport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and the South.
Northumberland and Intermediate stations, 6.09, 9.55 a.m. and 1.30 and 6.07 p.m.
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